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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN.

No. of polls, 154, value,	$15,400 00
Improved and unimproved land and buildings,	217,391 00
Stock in banks,	5100 00
Stock in trade,	2570 00
Money on hand, and at interest,	3324 00
Stock in public funds,	1000 00
Mills (2)	300 00
Carriages, taxable (13)	785 00
Horses, 147,	8110 00
Cows, 366,	9514 00
Oxen, 118,	7190 00
Sheep, 374,	1506 00
Other neat stock, 97,	1421 00
Hogs taxable, 8,	104 00
Total,	$273,715 00

Rate of taxation, $0.82 per hundred.
Highway tax, 11 cents per hundred.

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax,	$580 00
County tax,	403 36
Interest on debt,	100 00
Contingent expenses,	400 00
Schools,	692 50
Highways in labor,	300 00

TOWN DEBT.

Two (2) bonds at 5 per cent.			$2000 00
Remaining in hands of Collector,	1875,	$20 75	
" " "	1882,	22 56	
" " "	1883,	8 99	
" " "	1884,	150 03	
" " Treasurer,		136 61	
			$338 94

JOHN A. BLAKE,
STEPHEN BROWN,
JAMES W. W. BROWN,
} Selectmen of Kensington.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Kensington, in account with LaRoy S. Sanborn, Treasurer.

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To cash received of J. W. Brown, Treasurer,	$435 18	
To cash rec'd of State Treas. R. R. tax,	32 25	
" " Savings bank tax,	406 77	
" " Literary fund,	62 16	
" " bounty on woodchucks,	34 50	
Money hired for use of town,	280 00	
Money from sale of P. Ordway land,	30 00	
" J. A. J. Sawyer,	20 50	
" John F. Gill, collector, 1884,	2212 45	
" Levi B. Tilton, collector, 1883,	36 89	
" Frank A. Mace, collector, 1882,	14 51	
" County,	181 00	
" Sale of stove,	3 00	
" For use of town house,	5 00	
		$3754 21

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By payments as follows, per order of Selectmen:

Paid State tax,	$580 00
County tax,	403 36
Contingent expenses,	407 24
Support of schools,	754 64
Support of poor,	184 00
Making snow paths,	322 84

Paid Highways and bridges,	270 27	
Notes and interest,	387 00	
Bounties on woodchucks,	34 90	
Services town officers,	193 52	
Non-resident highway taxes,	27 94	
Abatements,	16 99	
Damage by dogs,	35 00	
		$3617 60

Remaining in hands of Treasurer, $136 61.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid J. D. P. Wingate, printing accounts,	$12 00
David Brown and T. H. Blake, Auditors,	2 50
L. S. Sanborn, time and expense to Concord to settle with Treasurer,	5 00
J. W. Brown, services at election and making deed,	4 50
A. T. Rowe, making taxes and recording inventory,	11 00
Thompson & Batchelder, blank books and stationery,	3 62
C. E. Tuck, committee on enlarging town house,	320 00
A. Hilliard, time with road machine,	21 00
Ira Fellows, attending 6 funerals with hearse,	7 50
W. S. Hobbs, supporting watering place in highway,	2 00
Marston & Eastman, advice,	1 00
Blanks and stationery,	2 00
Joseph Poor, maintaining watering place,	3 00
Joseph Poor, repairing burying yard fence,	1 00

Paid J. C. French, maintaining watering place,	2 00	
C. E. Tuck, setting posts and rail for hitching horses at town house,	2 75	
F. H. Poor, wood for town house,	1 00	
T. H. Blake, care of town house,	3 00	
A. Hilliard, storing road machine,	2 00	
L. B. Tilton, collecting in part, 1883,	37	
		$407 24

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Amos T. Rowe, Prudential Committee District No. 1,	$358 99	
D. W. Evans, Prudential Committee, District No. 2,	395 65	
		$754 64

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid support of Jemima Hilton, 1 year,	$77 00	
" Betsy Greenleaf "	104 00	
H. D. Peacock, boarding and lodging two transient paupers,	1 50	
J. W. W. Brown, boarding and lodging two transient paupers,	1 50	
		$184 00

DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid B. P. York, sheep,	$12 00	
J. A. Blake, "	8 00	
L. B. Brown, "	5 00	
Henry Shufelt, hens and chickens,	10 00	
		$35 00

BOUNTIES ON WOODCHUCKS.

Paid for 349 tails,	$34 90	$34 90
Non-resident highway taxes,		27 94

ABATEMENTS.

1882.

Paid Philip Brown,	$3 60	
Joseph Graves,	2 15	
1883.		
Moses F. Dow, poll tax,	1 49	
Chas. A. Dow, "	1 49	
Wm. McPherson, "	1 49	
Joel Hodgdon, poll and dog,	2 49	
1884.		
J. N. Austin, horse died,	50	
J. L. Eaton, "	25	
Mrs. Nathan Fellows, cow died,	20	
Isaiah Libby, poll tax,	83	
Moses F. Dow, "	84	
Henry C. Tuck, overrated and abated,	1 66	
		$16 99

MAKING SNOW PATHS.

March, 1884.

Paid A. G. M. Titcomb, Surveyor,	$12 00
B. F. Rowe, "	4 65
A. T. Rowe, "	27 60
John Lovering, "	14 40
T. K. Mace, "	6 00
B. F. Lovering, "	14 65
J. F. Gill, "	6 97
L. S. Sanborn, "	17 00
F. L. Blake, "	6 45
W. N. Dow,	3 95
D. M. Evans,	8 25
1885.	
S. Austin, Surveyor,	18 75
D. E. Palmer, "	16 58
L. S. Sanborn, "	31 42

Paid David Brown, Surveyor,	9 15	
C. A. Evans, "	27 75	
C. R. Gove, "	27 75	
W. N. Dow, "	5 45	
A. Hilliard, "	11 32	
B. F. Rowe, "	24 60	
W. N. Shaw, "	28 05	
		$322 84

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid B. F. Rowe, labor on highway,	$35 65
" " repairing bridge,	2 10
T. K. Mace, extra labor on highway,	3 30
A. T. Rowe, " " "	13 25
C. R. Staples, labor on bridge,	8 00
C. R. Gove, moving wall on highway,	10 00
W. N. Shaw, " " "	45 00
C. R. Gove, extra labor on highway,	24 15
A Hilliard extra labor, posts, rails and spikes,	38 35
W. N. Shaw, extra labor on highway,	10 24
S. Austin, " " "	7 75
David Brown, " " "	8 18
" " repairing bridge,	5 48
Geo. Page, 150 ft. plank,	1 80
Samuel Bachelder, 170 ft. plank,	2 56
L. B. Tilton, posts, rails, spikes and labor,	6 18
D. E. Palmer, extra labor,	7 11
L. S. Sanborn, extra labor,	4 90
L. S. Sanborn, extra labor building two bridges,	14 70
L. S. Sanborn, post and rails,	2 90
" " 17 loads gravel,	2 55
J. F. Gill, labor on bridges,	1 12
S. N. Hobbs, hauling gravel,	75
C. A. Evans, extra labor on highway,	7 00

Paid T. K. Mace, extra labor on highway,	5 00	
J. W. W. Brown, examining roads and bridges, labor and lumber,	2 25	
		$270 27

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Laura E. Hoag, interest on two bonds,	100 00	
J. A. Blake, note and interest,	81 00	
L. B. Brown, " "	206 00	
		$387 00

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Fred H. Dow, services as Town Clerk	$6 02	
Ira E. Brown, services as Supervisor,	4 00	
L. S. Sanborn, services as Treasurer,	20 00	
L. S. Sanborn, services as Moderator, March meeting,	2 00	
J. N. Austin, services as Moderator, Nov. election,	2 00	
Joseph Poor, services as Town Clerk,	20 00	
Stephen C. Sawyer, services as Supervisor,	4 00	
P. Titcomb, services as S. S. Committee,	15 00	
Selectmen's bills,	93 50	
J. F. Gill, collecting taxes in part 1884,	27 00	
		$193 52

KENSINGTON, March 2, 1885.

Having examined the foregoing accounts we find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and do approve the same.

HENRY C. TUCK, }
THOS. H. BLAKE, } Auditors.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF KENSINGTON.

A report of the Schools of Kensington for the year ending March 1st, 1885, is herewith presented. It is a pleasure to be able to state that with a little exception the past year has been one of health for both teachers and scholars.

In the second District, the East and West schools were omitted for a few days on account of sickness among the scholars. With these exceptions the schools have been kept through the school year.

Faithful and painstaking instruction has been given by the teachers. The scholars, with but few exceptions, have been respectful towards their teachers and have made commendable progress in their studies.

If we would secure the best results there is need, of course, of good teachers. But that is not all. The teachers themselves need to have every facility that can be given them for the doing of good work. One needful help certainly is in the friendly co-operation of the parents and guardians of the scholars.

It is a matter of much encouragement that such co-operation has been very general in connection with the schools during the past year. Another needed help is in the use of suitable text books.

Upon examination of the text books in use in the schools

it was found that there were as many as three or four different arithmetics in use. This, in the judgment of the Superintending Committee, was a manifest disadvantage. It made it necessary to multiply classes, distracting the attention and wasting the time of the teachers. A change has therefore been made in this direction. After personal examination, and the advice of several experienced teachers, the Franklin series of Arithmetics has been adopted instead of the three or four in previous use. The practical work of the schoolroom is, after, all the best test, and we are informed by the teachers that these Arithmetics are answering their purpose well.

Reference was made in the last annual report to a law recently passed by the legislature of this state making "Physiology and Hygiene, including special reference to the effect of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics upon the human system," a study for the more advanced scholars in the common schools.

In compliance with that law, and at the suggestion of the State Superintendent of public instruction, a treatise on "The Human Body and its Health" by Dr. Wm. T. Smith, Professor of Anatomy and Physiology in Dartmouth Medical College, has been introduced into the schools during the year. It has been studied in each of the schools with much interest and profit. One or two more changes were desired by some, but the committee did not think the advantage to be gained would be sufficient to warrant any further expense in this direction.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss Lizzie S. Titcomb, Teacher.

Mr. Amos T. Rowe, Prudential Committee.

This school has been in the charge of Miss Titcomb during the year. She has given that thorough instruction which is the fruit not only of experience but also of a real personal interest in her work. She has secured a good measure of proficiency on the part of her pupils. There were some fric-

tions during the second term of this school, which the committee would most gladly have avoided; but through the good sense of all concerned, the difficulty was for the most part overcome, and the school went on prosperously to its close.

Length of school: First term, 10 weeks, number of scholars, 38; length of second term, 12 weeks, number of scholars, 43; length of third term, 11 weeks, number of scholars, 35. Wages of teacher, $38 per month.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term:—Sarah Gove, Mamie Gove, Grace Hilliard, Alice Gooch, Helen Prescott, Ellen O'Connor, Grace York, Mary Shaw, Walter Hilliard, Wendall Hilliard, Albert Fellows, Herbert Prescott, Perley Rollins, Bertie Rollins, Arthur Simpson.

Second Term:—Minnie Austin, Lizzie Austin, Sarah Gove, Grace York, Mamie Gove, Grace Hilliard, Mary Hilliard, Fannie Prescott, Helen Prescott, Bertie Rollins, Frank York, Herbert Prescott.

Third Term:—Grace York, Sarah Gove, Walter Hilliard, George Prescott, Perley Rollins, Frank York.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Sadie S. Chase, Teacher.

Daniel W. Evans, Prudential Committee.

Miss Chase has taught this school through the year and has rendered faithful and efficient service. The good fruit of her labor has appeared in the progress made by her scholars. Miss Chase was obliged to close her school for one week during the first term, on account of sickness among the scholars.

Length of school:—First term, 9 weeks, number of scholars, 32; second term, 9 weeks, number of scholars, 30; third term, 12 weeks, number of scholars, 30. Wages of teacher, $24 per month.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term:—Harry E. Worthing, Annie M. Brown, Alice M. Brown, Emma D. Brown, Fannie Evans, Rosie L. Evans.

Second Term:—Ned. W. Brown, Herman E. Brown, Georgie Beckman, Harry E. Worthing, Emma D. Brown, Frankie Gill, Esther B. Warner.

Third Term:—Ned. W. Brown, Herman E. Brown, Georgie Beckman, Annie M. Brown, Alice M. Brown.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

WEST SCHOOL.

Miss Carrie E. Pease, Teacher.

Daniel W. Evans, Prudential Committee.

Miss Pease took charge of this school without any previous experience in the practical work of the school room. She sought to discharge faithfully the duties of her office, and some good progress was made by the scholars, though the school has not answered fully to the expectations of the Committee. This school was closed one week during the first term by sickness among the scholars.

Length of First term: 9 weeks, number of scholars, 27; Length of Second term: 9 weeks, number of scholars, 27.

ROLL OF HONOR.

First Term:—Charlies E. Austin, Herbert L. Eaton, Mary L. Palmer, Edith M. Eaton.

Second Term:—Charles E. Austin, Olive E. Austin, Edith M. Eaton.

Miss Pease having resigned the charge of the school, there was a delay of several weeks in securing another teacher.

Miss Laura M. Eaton commenced the third term of this school Jan. 5th, 1885, and it is still in session at the time of making up this report.

P. TITCOMB, Superintending Committee.

Kensington, Feb. 27, 1885.

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